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(54) Antitumor glycoprotein

(57) A glycoprotein having an anti-tumor effect and characterized by the following properties:

a) molecular weight: 7,000—90,000;

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and in the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 8—45%, wherein 6—28% of the total sugar being hexoses, 1—11% being hexosamines and 1—6% being sialic acids;

e) stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer; and

f) it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells.

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SPECIFICATION

Nov l glycoprot ins processes f r their pr duction and therapeutic ag nts f r tumours which contain such glycoproteins

Field of the invention

This invention relates to novel glycoproteins obtained from an extract or a supernatant of culture medium of reticuloendothelial cells, lymphoblasts, leukemia cells or fibroblasts of warm-blooded animals, processes for their production and therapeutic agents for malignant tumors which contain such glycoproteins singly or in combination as an active ingredient.

Description of the prior art

There has been known no perfect therapy for tumors, and in spite of the fact that many therapeutic agents for tumors have hitherto been developed by a number of researchers in the world, there have been many attempts of the use of new therapeutic agents and multi-agent combination treatments in the clinical field.

The therapeutic agents for tumors are roughly classified into two categories, chemotherapeutic agents and immunotherapeutic agents. Since the chemotherapeutic agents, also known as cytotoxic substances, manifest the effect by nonspecifically suppressing the cell growth it is toxic not only to tumor cells but also to normal cells, and shows serious adverse reactions such as leukocytopenia, acyesis, alopecia, teratism, malignant neoplasms etc.; consequently, there is a strict restriction on the dosage. On the other hand, since the immunotherapeutic agents manifest the therapeutic effect by indirectly inhibiting the tumor growth through acting upon the biophylactic functions and not by directly inhibiting the growth of the tumor cells, there are far lesser danger for serious adverse reactions as compared with the chemotherapeutic agents. However, tumor patients do not often retain enough biophylactic functions and therefore the therapeutic effect of immunotherapeutic agents is not always satisfactory as compared with the case of the chemotherapeutic agents.

The present applicants conceived that the reticuloendothelial cells which play an important role in biophylactic functions produce a substance which is effective for treating tumors, and have been searching for this substance.

Several factors considered as promising therapeutic agents for tumors, e.g. Lymphotoxin, Tumor Necrosis Factor, Interferon etc., have been obtained from reticuloendothelial cells, as reported by Granger, G. A. et al., Cellular Immunology, Vol. 38, 338—402 (1978), Carswell, E. A. et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A., Vol. 72, 3666—33670 (1975), and Issacs, A. et al., Proc. Roy. Soc. Ser. B., Vol. 147, 268 (1975), respectively. Further, the present inventors have recently discovered a simple method for isolating a large amount of Carcino-Breaking Factor (hereinafter referred to as CBF) as a mixture which contains the aforesaid Lymphotoxin, Tumor Necrosis Factor etc. from a culture of lymphoblasts grown in hamsters whose immune response had been suppressed, and have reported that this CBF is effective against experimental tumors transplanted to an animal (The Yomiuri, morning issue, November 22, 1981).

During the course of the research on CBF, the present inventors have discovered that glycoproteins which differ from the aforesaid cytotoxic factors such as Lymphotoxin, Tumor Necrosis Factor, CBF etc. are present in an extract or a supernatant of culture medium of reticulo-endothelial cells, lymphoblasts, leukemia cells or fibroblasts of warm-blooded animals, characterized by a very strong and selective cytotoxic effect against tumor cells, and established several processes for producing such glycoproteins without difficulties.

An object of this invention is to provide novel glycoproteins having an anti-tumor activity.

Another object of this invention is to provide glycoproteins having an anti-tumor activity which are harvested from an extract or a supernatant of culture medium of reticulo-endothelial cells, lymphoblasts, leukemia cells or fibroblasts of warm-blooded animals.

Further object of this invention is to provide processes for producing anti-tumor glycoproteins from an extract or a supernatant of culture medium of reticulo-endothelial cells, lymphoblasts, leukemia cells or fibroblasts of warm-blooded animals.

Still further object of this invention is to provide therapeutic agents for tumors which contain such anti-tumor glycoproteins singly or in combination as an active ingredient.

Accordingly, this invention relates to a glycoprotein having the following properties:

a) molecular weight: in the range 7,000 to 90,000: when determined by SDS gel electrophoresis or Sephadex gel filtration.

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and in the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content is 8—45%, wherein 6—28% of the total sugar being hexoses, 1—11% being hexosamines and 1—6% being sialic acids;

e) stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueou lutions of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer; and

f) it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells.

Since the glycoproteins of this invention may be divided into four fractions with different molecular weights and sugar contents, these glycoproteins are classified according to the difference in molecular weight throughout the specification; one fraction with a molecular weight of 12,000 to 17,000 is referred to as Carcino-Breaker X (hereinafter referred to as CB_X; this also applies to the rest), one with a molecular weight of 70,000 to 90,000 to CB_{X1}, a molecular weight of 40,000 to 50,000 to CB_{X2} and a molecular weight of 7,000 to 9,000 to CB_{X3}. In case where all of CB_X, CB_{X1}, CB_{X2} and CB_{X3} are to be generally considered, "CB" is used as a general term therefor.

The physical, chemical and biological properties of the glycoproteins according to this invention are described more in detail.

CB_X

a) Molecular weight: When measured by gel filtration using Sephadex G-100 (Pharmacia Co.) and 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2) as a solvent, the molecular weight is 12,000—17,000.

b) Colour reactions: The results of the tests on the CB_X aqueous solution for the colour reactions are shown in Table 1-1. The Lowry reaction and the ninhydrin reaction were conducted according to the procedures described in Seikagaku Jikken Koza, Vol. 1, Quantitative Method of Proteins, 1971. The phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the naphthol-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction were conducted according to the procedures described in Seikagaku Jikken Koza, Vol. 4, Quantitative Method of Sugars, 1971. And the Holff reaction were conducted according to the procedures described in Seikagaku Jikken Kofsa, Vol. 3, Quantitative Method of Lipids, 1971.

Table 1-1

Color reaction	*Color*	*Indication*
Lowry	Blue	Peptide bonds
Ninhydrin	Purple blue	Amino acids
Phenol-sulfuric acid	Brown	Sugars
Anthrone-Sulfuric acid	Greenish blue	Sugars
α-Naphthol-sulfuric acid	Purple	Sugars
Indole-sulfuric acid	Brown	Sugars
Tryptophane-sulfuric acid	Purple brown	Sugars
Holff	Colorless	No lipids

As shown above, CB_X exhibits colors indicating proteins and sugars, but does not exhibit a color indicating lipids.

c) Appearance and solubility: White powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform.

d) Sugar content: According to the method of Spiro (Spiro, H. A., Methods in Enzymology, Vol. 8, 3—26 (1966)), the sugar content of CB_X is 27—33%, and its sugar composition is 17—20% of hexoses, 5—7% of hexosamines and 5—6% of sialic acids.

e) Isoelectric point: When measured by isoelectrofocusing on Ampholine, its isoelectric point is 4.2—7.3.

f) adsorbable on Ulex europeus agglutinin-conjugated Sephadex in 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2).

g) Stable with respect to the molecular weight by gel filtration and to the cytotoxic activity against tumor cells in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer.

h) It selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells.

The cytotoxicity of CB_X was measured by culturing 10^5 cells of tumor cells or normal cells in 0.2 ml of a medium in the presence of this substance at 37°C for 48 hours in a 5% CO_2, 95% air atmosphere, and counting the number of the viable cells not stained with Trypan Blue, and expressed

with the concentration at which the incr ase of the cells in number was inhibited by 50%. One unit of CB is defined to be the amount of the substance at which the growth of 10^5 cells of KB cell is inhibited by 50%.

i) Induces differentiation of tumor cells, that is, recovers the tumor cells to normal cells in a test according to the method of Hozumi et al (Hozumi, et al., Cancer Research, Vol. 40, 2919—2924 (1980)), employing mylogenous leukemia cells M-1.

CB_{x1}

a) Molecular weight: When measured by gel filtration using Sephadex G-100 and 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2), as a solvent, the molecular weight is 70,000—90,000.

b) Color reactions: The results of the tests on the CB_{x1} aqueous solution for the colour reactions are shown in Table 1-2.

Table 1-2

Color reaction	*Color*	*Indication*
Lowry	Blue	Peptide bonds
Ninhydrin	Purple blue	Amino acids
Phenol-sulfuric acid	Brown	Sugars
Anthrone-sulfuric acid	Greenish blue	Sugars
α-Naphthol-sulfuric acid	Purple	Sugars
Indole-sulfuric acid	Brown	Sugars
Tryptophane-sulfuric acid	Purple brown	Sugars
Holff	Colorless	No lipids

As shown above, CB_{x1} exhibits colors indicating proteins and sugars, but does not exhibit a color indicating lipids.

c) Appearance and solubility: White powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform.

d) Sugar content: According to the method of Spiro, the sugar content of CB_{x1} is 35—45%, and its sugar composition is 23—28% of hexoses, 8—11% of hexosamines and 4—6% of sialic acids.

e) Isoelectric point: When measured by isoelectrofocusing on Ampholine, its isoelectric point is 4.3—6.2.

f) Adsorbable on Ulex europeus agglutinin-conjugated Sephadex in 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2).

g) Stable with respect to the molecular weight by gel filtration and to the cytotoxic activity against tumor cells in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer.

h) It selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells. The cytotoxicity of CB_{x1} was measured by procedures described in CB_x.

CB_{x2}

a) Molecular weight: When measured by gel filtration using Sephadex G-100 and 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2) as a solvent, the molecular weight is 40,000—50,000.

b) Color reactions: The results of the tests on the CB_{x2} aqueous solution for the color reactions are shown in Table 1-3.

Table 1-3

Color reaction	*Color*	*Indication*
Lowry	Blue	Peptide bonds
Ninhydrin	Purple blue	Amino acids
Phenol-sulfuric acid	Brown	Sugars
Anthrone-sulfuric acid	Greenish blue	Sugars
α-Naphthol-sulfuric acid	Purple	Sugars
Indole-sulfuric acid	Brown	Sugars
Tryptophane-sulfuric acid	Purple brown	Sugars
Holff	Colorless	No lipids

As shown above, CB_{X2} exhibits colors indicating proteins and sugars, but does not exhibit a color indicating lipids.

c) Appearance and solubility: White powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform.

d) Sugar content: According to the method of Spiro, the sugar content of CB_{X2} is 30—37% and its sugar composition is 20—23% of hexoses, 6—8% of hexosamines and 4—6% of sialic acids.

e) Isoelectric point: When measured by isoelectrofocusing on Ampholine, its isoelectric point is 4.2—7.3.

f) Adsorbable on Ulex europeus agglutinin-conjugated Sephadex in 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2).

g) Stable with respect to the molecular weight by gel filtration and to the cytotoxic activity against tumor cells in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer.

h) It selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells. The cytotoxicity of CB_{X2} was measured by procedures described in CB_X.

CB_{X3}

a) Molecular weight: When measured by SDS gel electrophoresis, the molecular weight is 7,000—9,000.

b) Color reactions: The results of the tests on the CB_{X3} aqueous solution for the color reactions are shown in Table 1-4.

Table 1-4

Color reaction	*Color*	*Indication*
Lowry	Blue	Peptide bonds
Ninhydrin	Purple blue	Amino acids
Phenol-sulfuric acid	Brown	Sugars
Anthrone-sulfuric acid	Greenish blue	Sugars
α-Naphthol-sulfuric acid	Purple	Sugars
Indole-sulfuric acid	Brown	Sugars
Tryptophane-sulfuric acid	Purple brown	Sugars
Holff	Colorless	No lipids

As shown above, CB_{X3} exhibits colors indicating proteins and sugars, but does not exhibit a color indicating lipids.

c) Appearance and solubility: White powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform.

d) Sugar content: According to the method of Spiro, the sugar content of CB_{x3} is 8—15%, and its sugar composition is 6—10% of hexoses, 1—2% of hexosamines and 1—3% of sialic acids.

e) Adsorbable on carboxymethylcellulose in an ion exchange chromatography in 0.05 M phosphate buffer (pH 6.4) using carboxymethylcellulose.

f) Stable with respect to the molecular weight by gel filtration and the cytotoxic activity against tumor cells in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer.

g) It selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells. The cytotoxicity of CB_{x3} was measured by the procedures described in CB_x.

h) The amino acid sequence of the N terminal of the protein portion is Alanine-Alanine-.

The glycoproteins of this invention have common characteristics in the color reactions, appearance, solubility, stability, effect on tumor cells, etc. but they differ from each other with respect to the molecular weight and sugar content, and therefore, the respective substances may be distinguished from another.

The glycoproteins of this invention are clearly distinguished from Lymphotoxin, Tumor Necrosis Factor, a mixture thereof, i.e. CBF, or Interferon, all of which are obtained from reticulo-endothelial cells, lymphoblasts, leukemia cells or fibroblasts, with regard to the following features and thus they are evidently different substances.

More specifically, Lymphotoxin is known to be present in three different types depending on the molecular weight, i.e. α-Lymphotoxin having a molecular weight of 70,000—90,000, β-Lymphotoxin having a molecular weight of 35,000—50,000 and γ-Lymphotoxin having a molecular weight of 10,000—20,000 (Eds., Cohen et al., Biology of the Lymphokinase, Academic Press, 1979). In consideration to the molecular weight, CB_x resemble to γ-Lymphotoxin, CB_{x1} to α-Lymphotoxin and CB_{x2} to β-Lymphotoxin. However, Lymphotoxin, as reported by Lucas et al (Lucas, Z. J. et al., J. Immunology, Vol. 109, 1233 (1972)), has little selectivity in the cytotoxic effect and it causes damage to normal cells as well as to tumor cells. In contrast, the cytotoxic effect of the glycoproteins of this invention is selective to tumors cells, and thus they are clearly different from Lymphotoxin. Moreover, the glycoproteins of this invention are different from Lymphotoxin in the adsorbability and stability. More specifically, while Lymphotoxin prepared according to the method of Granger et al (Granger, G. A. et al, Cellular Immunology, Vol. 38, 388—402 (1978)) is not or only weakly adsorbed on Ulex europeus agglutinin-conjugated Sephadex in 0.01 M phosphate buffer, the glycoproteins of this invention are adsorbed thereon. Furthermore, the glycoproteins of this invention are stable in aqueous solutions of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 and pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer, and also are stable at pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer. In contrast, Lymphotoxin loses its activity by 60% or more after it is maintained at 56°C for 4 hours.

Tumor Necrosis Factor exhibits a selective cytotoxic effect on tumor cells, and it has a molecular weight of 33,000—63,000 and a sugar content of 0% (Carswell, E. A. et al, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A., Vol. 72, 3666—3670 (1975)) or it has a molecular weight of 39,000 and a sugar content of 40% (The Nippon Keizai Shimbun, Morning issue, August 23, 1981) and both are different from CB_x, CB_{x1} and CB_{x3} with respect to the molecular weight and from CB_{x2} with respect to the sugar content.

Further, CBF which contains these cytotoxic factors in combination has a molecular weight of about 35,000 (The Nippon Keizai Shimbun, Morning Issue, November 22, 1981) and it differs from the glycoproteins of this invention with respect to the molecular weight.

Finally, the glycoproteins of this invention is different from Interferon in that the former do not have an antiviral activity.

The cells employed for producing the glycoproteins of this invention are now explained.

The cells originated from human or non-human warm-blooded animals for the use in this invention may be any of reticuloendothelial cells, lymphoblasts, leukemia cells and fibroblasts, and they may be employed either in a primary culture or in an established cell line. Preferably, cells of human origin are desirable and safe because they elicit less antigenicity induced reactions and other adverse reactions in consideration to use of CB in the treatment of human diseases. As such cells, any cells may be chosen from, for example, BALL-1 cells, TALL-1 cells and NALL-1 cells reported by Miyoshi (Miyoshi, I., Nature, Vol. 267, 843—844 (1977)), Namalwa cells described in Journal of Clinical Microbiology (J. Clin. Microbiol., Vol. 1, 116—117 (1975)), M-7002 cells and B-7101 cells described in Journal of Immunology (Vol. 113, 1334—1345 (1974)), Flow 7000 cells (Flow CO.), JBL cells, EBV-Sa cells, EBV-Wa cells and EBV-HO cells described in "The Tissue Culture" (Vol. 6, 527—546 (1980)), established cell line such as BALM 2 cells, CCRF-SB cells (ATCC CCL 120) etc., and human lymphocytes and macrophages, as well as the cells of an established cell line from human lymphocytes and macrophages treated with various viruses, drugs radiation etc.

As the cells originated from non-human warm-blooded animals, any cells may be chosen from, for example, mouse BALB/C 3T3 cells (Flow Co.) mouse leukemia cells such as L1210 cells (J. Natl. Cancer Inst., Vol. 13, 1328 (1953)) and P388 (Scientific Proceedings, Pathologists & Bacteriologists, Vol. 33, 603 (1957)), mouse melanoma clone M-3 (Flow Co.), rat tumor LLC-WRC 256 (Flow Co.),

hamster melanoma RPMI 1846 cells (Flow Co.), and lymphocytes, macrophages etc. It should be understood that the cells which may be employed in this invention are not restricted to those described above.

A process for producing the glycoproteins (CB) in accordance with this invention is as follows:

Cells originating from human or non-human warm-blooded animals may be chosen by known methods for producing active substances with cells, and the products CB may be harvested either directly from the cells or after the cells have been cultured, or if larger amount of CB is desired, these cells may be exposed to one or more inducers. For example, the cells originated from human or non-human warm-blooded animals may be suspended in an appropriate medium, directly exposed to inducer to produce CB which may then be harvested from the medium.

As the inducer for CB, generally one or more substances chosen from the following may be used: lectins such as phytohemagglutinin, concanavalin A, pokeweed mitogen, lypopolysaccharides, polysaccharides such as phosphomannan, dextran phosphate, endotoxins, microbial cell components, bacteria, viruses, nucleic acids, polynucleotides etc. Further, for the antigen-sensitized cells, corresponding antigen also serves as an inducer for CB.

CB thus produced may be easily isolated by known purification methods, such as salting out, dialysis, filtration, centrifugation, concentration and lyophilization. If higher purification is desired, it may be achieved by adsorption and elution on an ion exchange resin, gel filtration, electrophoresis or affinity chromatography using, for example, antibody- or Ulex europeus agglutinin-conjugated Sephadex.

If CB is to be obtained in large quantity, the cells of the established cell line may be grown in the body of warm-blooded animals as is now explained.

Established cell lines originating from human or non-human warm-blooded animals may be any of reticulo-endothelial cells, lymphoblasts, leukemia cells and fibroblasts and preferably cell lines of human origin are desirable and safe because they elicit less antigenicity induced reactions and other adverse reactions in consideration to use of CB in the treatment of human diseases. As such cell lines, any cell lines may be employed, as described above, for example, BALL-1 cells, TALL-1 cells, NALL-1 cells, Namalwa cells, M-7002 cells, B-7101 cells, Flow 7000 cells, BALB/C 3T3 cells, L1210 cells, P388 cells, lymphocytes, macrophages etc.

When these cells are to be grown in warm-blooded animals' body, transplantation of such cells may be carried out directly or, as described hereinbelow, indirectly by inoculating a chamber with said cells and placing the chamber into the body. The warm-blooded animals into which such cells are transplanted may be of the same or different species as long as the established cell line originated from human or non-human warm-blooded animals can grow therein. For example, fowls such as chickens, pigeons and mammals such as dogs, cats, monkeys, goats, pigs, horses, bovines, rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, hamsters, ordinary mice, nude mice may be employed.

When one of these animals is transplanted with cultured cells originated from an animal of different species, there is a possibility of undesirable immunological reactions. Therefore, animals in the most immature state, e.g. eggs, foetuses, embryos, or onatals or infant animals, are suitably employed so that the possibility of immunological reactions are minimized. In addition, the immunological reactions may also be suppressed by pre-treatments, for example, by exposing these animals to X-ray of 200—600 REM, or injecting them with immunosuppressive agents.

When the animal to be used as the host is a nude mouse or the same species as the cells to be transplanted, immunological reactions are weak and therefore such cells may be transplanted thereinto and grown rapidly without any pretreatment, and therefore the use of such cells is especially convenient.

Alternatively, constant growth of the cells may also be assured and the amount of CB produced therefrom may be increased by transplanting cells from one warm-blooded animal to another warm-blooded animal, for example, by transplanting cells originated from human or non-human warm-blooded animals into hamsters for growth and then re-transplanting said cells into nude mouse. In such cases, transplantation may be conducted between the same class or division as well as between the same species or genus.

The site to which the cells originated from human or non-human warm-blooded animals are to be transplanted may be any site where the transplanted cells can grow, and for example, the allantoic cavity, vein, abdominal cavity, subcutaneous may be freely chosen.

Instead of directly transplanting and growing established cell lines originating from human or non-human warm-blooded animals, any of the above mentioned established cell lines may be inoculated and grown in a conventional diffusion chamber of various shapes and sizes which is placed, for example, in peritoneal cavity of the body of warm-blooded animals. The diffusion chamber is designed to enable said cells to grow by facilitating the uptake of body fluid of the animal as nutrients, and also the chamber is provided with porous filter membranes, for example, membrane filter with a pore size of about 10^{-7}—10^{-3} m, ultrafilter or hollow fibre, which prevent the migration of cells out of the chamber and allow the body fluid as nitrients to enter the chamber.

If necessary, the diffusion chamber may be designed and placed, for example, on the surface of the animal body, so as to connect the nutrient fluid in the chamber with the body fluid of the animal

and circulate them, so that the growth of the cells inoculated in said chamber can be observed through a view window. The diffusion chamber can also be designed so that it can be disconnected from the animal body and thereby enables cells to be grown over the whole life span of the animal, thus increasing the yield of the cells per animal.

The method involving the use of these diffusion chambers has further advantages; that is, since the cells of the established cell lines originated from human or non-human warm-blooded animals are not brought into direct contact with the animal cells, such cells may be harvested easily and because of the lower possibility of causing undesirable immunological reactions, various warm-blooded animals can be used without the need of pre-treatment of the animals for immunosuppression.

The animals to which the cells have been transplanted may be fed and maintained in the usual way for the animal, and no special care is required even after transplantation, and thus this is convenient.

The period required for growth of the cells of the established cell lines originated from human or non-human warm-blooded animals is generally 1—10 weeks. The number of cells the thus obtained has been found to be about 10^7—10^{12} cells or more for an per animal.

In other words, the process according to this invention for producing CB is extremely advantageous for producing CB, because the established cell lines originated from warm-blooded animals are multiplied by about 10^2—10^7 fold or more over the number of the cells directly inoculated to the animal, or about 10—10^8 fold or more of the multiplication compared to the case in which the cells were cultured in a nutrient medium.

The production of CB from the grown cells of an established cell line originating from human or non-human warm-blooded animals may be conducted in various manners. They may be harvested directly from the body in which such cells have been grown, for example, CB may be harvested directly from the cells obtained by growing the transplanted cells of the established cell lines originating from human or non-human warm-blooded animals in ascites as suspension or growing them subcutaneously.

Alternatively, the production of CB may be conducted by using an inducer after growing the established cell lines originated from human or non-human warm-blooded animals in the body of an animal by applying the inducer either directly *in vivo* or *in vitro* after taking the cells out of the body. For example, the cells of an established cell lines originated from human or non-human warm-blooded animals, which have been grown in ascites and harvested therefrom, or those isolated and dissociated from a subcutaneous tumor comprising the cells of an established cell lines originating from human or non-human warm-blooded animals may be suspended in a nutrient medium kept at about 20—40°C to give a cell concentration of about 10^5—10^8 cells per ml, and then exposed to a CB inducer, thereby inducing the production of CB which may then be harvested.

Further, where the cells of an established cell lines originating from human or non-human warm-blooded animals are grown in a diffusion chamber, the cells may be directly harvested from the chamber, or they may be harvested after removal from the chamber either directly or after exposure to one or more inducers.

Furthermore, the yield of CB per animal may be further increased by employing, for example, a method wherein the cells of an established cell line originating from human or non-human warm-blooded animals which have been grown in the body of another animal are exposed to an inducer to induce the production of CB *in situ*, and then the grown cells, which have been harvested from a specific site or the whole of the same animal body, are exposed to an inducer to induce the production of CB, a method wherein the used cells are again exposed to an inducer to induce the production of CB, a method wherein a diffusion chamber placed in or connected to the animal body is replaced by a new one to increase the number of the obtained cells, and the like.

For inducing the production of CB, any inducer for CB described above may be employed, and the CB thus produced may be fractionated respectively into CB_X, CB_{X1}, CB_{X2} and CB_{X3} having the specified molecular weights by using the above described separating and purifying procedures.

The following experiments illustrate the effectiveness, toxicity, method of use and dosage of CB in accordance with the present invention.

Experiment 1

Selectivity of the Cytotoxic effect

Samples of 10^5 power cells of each of tumor cell lines including KB cells (nasopharynx cancer), MX-1 cells (breast cancer, supplied from Dr. Shigeru Tsukagoshi, Cancer Institute), HEp-2 cells (throat cancer) and HEL cells (hepatoma, Flow Co.) and of normal cell lines including intestine 407 cells, Girardi heat cells, Chang Liver cells, Vero cells (monkey kidney) and MDCK cells (dog kidney) (Flow Co.) all of which had been precultured for 24 hours respectively and 10^5 cells of each of P388 and L1210 cells (leukemia, supplied from Dr. Shigeru Tsukagoshi, Cancer Institute), which were used immediately, were each cultured in 1 ml of Eagle's medium containing 10% calf serum and each test substance at 37°C for 48 hours in a 5% CO_2, 95% air atmosphere. Thereafter the number of the viable cells not stained with Trypan Blue was counted under a light microscope, and the concentration of the test substance at which 50% of the cells were killed was calculated to the control taken as 100. Employed

as the test substances w re CB_X obtained in Example 10, CB_{X1} obtained in Example 16, CB_{X2} obtained in Example 20, CB_{X3} obtained in Example 26 or 29, mixture of CB_X and CB_{X1} mixture of CB_X, CB_{X1}, CB_{X2}, and CB_{X3}, mixture CB_{X2} and CB_{X3}, α- β- and γ-Lymphotoxins obtained by a known method (Granger, G. A. et al, Cellular Immunology, Vol. 38, 388—402 (1978)), CBF separated from CB_X in Example 1 and Mitomycin C. One unit of the Lymphotoxins and CBF is expressed by a conventional index which is based on the cytotoxicity on mouse L cells (Eds., Bloom, B. R. & Grade, P. R. *"In Vitro* Methods in Cell-mediated Immunity", Academic Press, 1979). The results are shown in Tables 2-1 to 2-4.

Table 2-1

			Concentration for 50% inhibition of growth			
	Cell name	*Species*	*CB_X (unit/ml)*	*γ-Lymphotoxin (unit/ml)*	*CBF (unit/ml)*	*Mitomycin C (μg/ml)*
Tumor cells	KB	Human	1.0	16	18	34
	HEp-2	Human	1.6	5.6	24	17
	HEL	Human	1.1	—	33	26
	MX-1	Human	1.9	—	3.5	32
	L1210	Mouse	3.0	—	—	43
	P388	Mouse	3.3	—	—	36
Normal cells	Intestine 407	Human	>1,000	80.0	>20,000	32
	Girardi heart	Human	>1,000	—	>20,000	45
	Chang liver	Human	>1,000	8.0	>20,000	19
	Vero	Monkey	650	—	—	52
	MDCK	Dog	520	—	—	41

Table 2-2

			Concentration for 50% inhibition of growth					
	Cell name	*Species*	*CB_{X1} (unit/ml)*	*CB_{X2} (unit/ml)*	*α-Lymphotoxin (unit/ml)*	*β-Lymphotoxin (unit/ml)*	*CBF (unit/ml)*	*Mitamycin C (μg/ml)*
Tumor cells	KB	Human	1.0	1.0	19	21	18	34
	HEp-2	Human	1.5	1.4	4.8	7.2	24	17
	HEL	Human	1.3	1.5	—	—	33	26
	MX-1	Human	1.8	1.6	—	—	3.5	32
	L1210	Mouse	3.2	3.4	—	—	—	43
	P388	Mouse	3.2	3.2	—	—	—	36
Normal cells	Intestine 407	Human	>1,000	>1,000	76.0	92.0	>20,000	32
	Girardi heart	Human	>1,000	>1,000	—	—	>20,000	19
	Chang liver	Human	>1,000	>1,000	9.6	8.8	>20,000	19
	Vero	Monkey	630	640	—	—	—	52
	MDCK	Dog	550	530	—	—	—	41

Tabl 2-3

	Cell name	Species	Concentration for 50% inhibition of growth		
			CB_{x3} *1) (unit/ml)	CB_{x3} *2) (unit/ml)	Mitamycin C ($\mu g/ml$)
Tumor cells	KB HEp-2 HEL MX-1 L1210 P388	Human Human Human Human Mouse Mouse	1.0 1.5 1.3 1.8 3.1 3.4	1.0 1.7 1.4 1.7 2.9 3.5	35 18 25 30 44 37
Normal cells	Intestine 407 Girardi heart Chang liver Vero MDCK Primary culture Rat liver	Human Human Human Monkey Dog Rat	>1,000 >1,000 >1,000 620 510 870	>1,000 >1,000 >1,000 580 540 910	35 44 21 50 44 61

Notes)

*1) CB_{x3} obtained in Example 26

*2) CB_{x3} obtained in Example 29

Table 2-4

	Cell name	Species	Concentration for 50% inhibition of growth		
			A*1) (unit/ml)	B*2) (unit/ml)	C*3) (unit/ml)
Tumor cells	KB HEp-2 HEL MX-1 L1210 P388	Human Human Human Human Mouse Mouse	1.0 1.5 1.6 1.8 3.0 3.1	1.0 1.4 1.7 1.7 3.2 3.4	1.0 1.6 1.9 1.6 3.0 3.2
Normal cells	Intestine 407 Girardi heart Chang liver Vero MDCK	Human Human Human Monkey Dog	>1,000 >1,000 >1,000 610 580	>1,000 >1,000 >1,000 590 610	>1,000 >1,000 >1,000 580 600

Notes)

*1) Mixture of CB_x and CB_{x1}

*2) Mixture of CB_x, CB_{x1}, CB_{x2} and CB_{x3}

*3) Mixture of CB_{x2} and CB_{x3}

As evident from the above results, CB similar to CBF has selectively damaged the tumor cells without substantially causing any damage to normal cells. However, the intensities of the cytotoxic effect on the respective tumors were different between CB and CBF. In contrast, both α- and β-Lymphotoxin and Mitomycin C showed a nonselective cytotoxicity to the normal cells and the tumor cells.

Experiment 2

Influence on mice transplanted with Sarcoma 180 or Ehrlich Tumor

Male mice (ddY-Strain) weighing 25—30 g were intraperitoneally transplanted with 3×10^6 cells per animal of Sarcoma 180 or Ehrlich ascites tumor and the survival days was observed. CB_x obtained in Example 6, CB_{x1} obtained in Example 15, CB_{x2} obtained in Example 20 and CB_{x3} obtained in Example 26 or 29 were administered intravenously to groups of 5 mice daily from one day after transplantation until death. The results are expressed in percentages of the average survival days to that of the control group and shown in Tables 3-1 to 3-3.

Table 3-1

Tumor	*Test substance*	*Daily dose*	*Average survival days (%)*
Mouse Sarcoma 180	CB_x	1.2 unit/kg	111
		4 unit/kg	131
		12 unit/kg	164
	Mitomycin C	0.5 mg/kg	140
	Cyclophosphamide	20 mg/kg	172
Ehrlich Ascites Tumor	CB_x	1.2 unit/kg	141
		4 unit/kg	159
		12 unit/kg	187
	Mitomycin C	0.5 mg/kg	168
	Cyclophosphamide	20 mg/kg	212

Table 3-2

Tumor	*Test substance*	*Daily dose*	*Average survival days (%)*
Mouse Sarcoma 180	CB_{x1}	1 unit/kg	113
		3 unit/kg	133
		10 unit/kg	160
	CB_{x2}	1 unit/kg	110
		3 unit/kg	135
		10 unit/kg	159
	Mitomycin C	0.5 mg/kg	138
	Cyclophosphamide	20 mg/kg	170
Ehrlich Ascites Tumor	CB_{x1}	1 unit/kg	139
		3 unit/kg	164
		10 unit/kg	187
	CB_{x2}	1 unit/kg	135
		3 unit/kg	161
		10 unit/kg	189
	Mitomycin C	0.5 mg/kg	164
	Cyclophosphamide	20 mg/kg	206

Table 3-3

Tumor	*Test substance*	*Daily dose*	*Average survival days (%)*
Mouse Sarcoma 180	CB_{x3}*1)	1 unit/kg	110
		3 unit/kg	129
		10 unit/kg	157
	CB_{x3}*2)	1 unit/kg	108
		3 unit/kg	131
		10 unit/kg	150
	Mitomycin C	0.5 mg/kg	142
Ehrlich Ascites Tumor	CB_{x3}*1)	1 unit/kg	139
		3 unit/kg	155
		10 unit/kg	181
	CB_{x3}*2)	1 unit/kg	132
		3 unit/kg	157
		10 unit/kg	179
	Mitomycin C	0.5 mg/kg	166

Notes)
*1) CB_{x3} obtained in Example 26
*2) CB_{x3} obtained in Example 29

As clearly seen in the results above, CB showed a significant anti-tumor effect on both mice to which Sarcoma 180 and Ehrlich tumor had been transplanted, respectively.

Experiment 3
Influence on the survival days of leukemic mice
BDF_1-strain male mice weighing 20—25 g were intraperitoneally transplanted with 10^5 cells per animal of mouse leukemia L1210 or 10^6 cells per animal of mouse leukemia P388, and the survival days was observed. CB_x obtained in Example 10, CB_{x1} obtained in Example 16, CB_{x2} obtained in Example 20 and CB_{x3} obtained in Example 26 or 29 were administered intraperitoneally to groups of 5 mice, either daily from one day after the transplantation until death (for CB_x, CB_{x1} and CB_{x2}) or once on the following day of the transplantation (for CB_{x3}). The results are expressed in percentages of the average survival days to that of the control group and set forth in Tables 4-1 to 4-3.

Table 4-1

Tumor	*Test substance*	*Daily dose*	*Average survival days (%)*
Mouse Leukemia L1210	CB_x	0.4 unit/kg	105
		1.2 unit/kg	123
		4 unit/kg	151
	Mitomycin C	0.5 mg/kg	128
	Cyclophosphamide	20 mg/kg	172
Mouse leukemia P388	CB_x	0.4 unit/kg	113
		1.2 unit/kg	128
		4 unit/kg	144
	Mitomycin C	0.5 mg/kg	133
	Cyclophosphamide	20 mg/kg	147

Table 4-2

Tumor	Test substance	Daily dose	Average survival days (%)
Mouse Leukemia L1210	CB_{X1}	3 unit/kg	108
		10 unit/kg	122
		30 unit/kg	149
	CB_{X2}	1 unit/kg	110
		3 unit/kg	121
		10 unit/kg	151
	Mitomycin C	0.5 mg/kg	136
	Cyclophosphamide	20 mg/kg	149
Mouse Leukemia P338	CB_{X1}	1 unit/kg	110
		3 unit/kg	126
		10 unit/kg	147
	CB_{X2}	0.3 unit/kg	109
		1 unit/kg	125
		3 unit/kg	151
	Mitomycin C	0.5 mg/kg	130
	Cyclophosphamide	20 mg/kg	145

Table 4-3

Tumor	Test substance	Daily dose	Average survival days (%)
Mouse Leukemia L1210	CB_{X3}*1)	10 unit/kg	109
		30 unit/kg	120
		100 unit/kg	149
	CB_{X3}*2)	10 unit/kg	111
		30 unit/kg	121
		100 unit/kg	146
	Mitomycin C	5.0 mg/kg	132
Mouse Leukemia P388	CB_{X3}*1)	10 unit/kg	122
		30 unit/kg	145
		100 unit/kg	176
	CB_{X3}*2)	10 unit/kg	120
		30 unit/kg	148
		100 unit/kg	171
	Mitomycin C	5.0 mg/kg	141

Notes)

*1) CB_{X3} obtained in Example 26

*2) CB_{X3} obtained in Example 29

As clearly seen in results above, CB showed a significant anti-tumor effect on both Tumor-bearing mice with mouse leukemia L1210 and P388, respectively.

Experiment 4

Influence on the survival days of lung carcinoma bearing mice

BDF_1-strain male mice weighing 20—25 g were transplanted intramuscularly to the right thigh with 2×10^6 cells of Lewis's lung carcinoma, and the survival days was observed. CB_X obtained in Example 7, CB_{X1} obtained in Example 17, CB_{X2} obtained in Example 22 and CB_{X3} obtained in Example 26 or 29 were administered intravenously to groups of 6 mice daily from one day after the transplantation until death. The results are expressed in percentages of the average survival days to that of the control group and set forth in Tables 5-1 to 5-2.

Table 5-1

Test substance	*Daily dose*	*Average survival days (%)*
CB_x	1.2 unit/kg	104
	4 unit/kg	112
	12 unit/kg	146
Mitomycin C	0.5 mg/kg	121
Cyclohosphamide	20 mg/kg	163

Table 5-2

Test substance	*Daily dose*	*Average survival days (%)*
CB_{x1}	1 unit/kg	107
	3 unit/kg	113
	10 unit/kg	145
CB_{x2}	1 unit/kg	109
	3 unit/kg	121
	10 unit/kg	143
CB_{x3}*1)	1 unit/kg	115
	3 unit/kg	143
	10 unit/kg	157
CB_{x3}*2)	1 unit/kg	111
	3 unit/kg	136
	10 unit/kg	159
Mitomycin C	0.5 mg/kg	120
Cyclophosphamide	20 mg/kg	164

Notes)
*1) CB_{x3} obtained in Example 26
*2) CB_{x3} obtained in Example 29

Experiment 5
Influence on the survival days of melanoma bearing mice

BDF_1-strain male mice weighing 20—25 g were transplanted subcutaneously in their back with 10^6 cells per animal of mouse melanoma B16, and the survival days was observed. CB_x obtained in Example 10 and CB_{x3} obtained in Example 26 or 29 were administered intravenously to groups of 7 mice daily from one day after the transplantation until death. The results are expressed in percentages of the average survival days of the control group and set forth in Tables 6-1 to 6-2.

Table 6-1

Test substance	*Daily dose*	*Average survival days (%)*
CB_x	1.2 unit/kg	112
	4 unit/kg	135
	12 unit/kg	180
Mitomycin C	0.5 mg/kg	138
Cyclophosphamide	20 mg/kg	158

Tabl 6-2

Test substance	*Daily dose*	*Average survival days (%)*
CB_{X3}*1)	1 unit/kg	110
	3 unit/kg	131
	10 unit/kg	178
CB_{X3}*2)	1 unit/kg	116
	3 unit/kg	129
	10 unit/kg	176
Mitomycin C	0.5 mg/kg	140

Notes)

*1) CB_{X3} obtained in Example 26

*2) CB_{X3} obtained in Example 29

As clearly seen in the results above, CB evidently showed an anti-tumor effect on the mice bearing mouse melanoma B 16.

Experiment 6

Influence on the lung metastasis of cancer

BDF_1-strain male mice weighing 20—30 g, 6 animals in each group, were transplanted subcutaneously in their back with 2 mm square segments of Lewis's lung cancer. CB_X obtained in Example 6, CB_{X1} obtained in Example 15, CB_{X2} obtained in Example 20 and CBF obtained were administered intravenously once a day for 12 days from the 9th day after transplantation. On the 21st day after transplantation, the mass of primary tumor was isolated and weighed, and the number of the metastasized nodes in lungs was calculated according to the method of Wexler, H. (J. Natl. Cancer Institute, Vol. 36 641 (1966)). The results are set forth in Tables 7-1 to 7-2.

Table 7-1

Experiment	*Test substance*	*Daily dose*	*Tumor weight (g)*	*No. of metastasized nodes in lung*
1	Control		9.6±1.9	29.2±7.3
	CB_X	4 unit/kg	5.1±1.6*	6.8±3.2*
		40 unit/kg	3.0±0.3**	0.4±0.4**
	Cyclophosphamide	20 mg/kg	3.4±0.7**	0.4±0.2**
2	Control		7.3±0.3	29.2±1.4
	CB_X	4 unit/kg	4.1±1.2*	6.7±2.1*
		40 unit/kg	2.3±0.2**	0.5±0.2**
	CBF	4 unit/kg	6.6±0.6	22.0±5.0
		40 unit/kg	4.2±0.4*	21.4±4.5

Table 7-2

Test substance	*Daily dose*	*Tumor weight (g)*	*No. of metastasized nodes in lung*
Control		7.8±0.5	29.6±1.
CB_{X1}	3 unit/kg	4.3±1.3*	7.3±2.0*
	30 unit/kg	2.4±0.3**	0.5±0.3**
CB_{X2}	3 unit/kg	4.9±1.3*	7.1±1.9*
	30 unit/kg	2.1±0.5**	0.7±0.3**
CBF	3 unit/kg	6.8±0.6	23.0±5.2
	30 unit/kg	4.3±0.5*	22.4±4.4
Cyclophosphamide	20 unit/kg	3.5±0.6**	0.6±0.3**

Notes)

The results in the tables are expressed as (average)±(standard error)

* Statistically different from the control group at a significance level of 5% or less.

** Statistically different from the control group at a significance level of 1% or less.

As clearly seen in the results above, CB_x very successfully suppressed the primary lung cancer and its lung metastases, whereas CBF had almost no effect on the lung metastases.

Experiment 7

Effect on inducing differentiation of tumor cells

According to the method of Hozumi, M. et al [Cancer Research, Vol. 40, 2919—2924 (1980)], 5×10^5 cells of acute myelogenous leukemia cells M-1 (supplied from Dr. Motoo Hozumi, Saitama Cancer Center) were suspended in 1 ml of Eagle's medium containing 10% calf serum and also containing amino acids and vitamin in amounts twice the ordinary levels, to which each test substance had been added, and cultured at 37°C for 48 hours in a 5% CO_2, 95% air atmosphere. Thereafter, the cells were resuspended in a medium containing 0.2% polystyrene latex particles (Dow Chemical Co), incubated at 37°C for 4 hours, then the number of the cells which phagocytotized the particles and the number of the total cells were counted under a light microscope, and the differentiation rate was calculated from the ratio of these cells. The results are set forth in Table 8.

Table 8

Test substance	*Concentration*	*Differentiation rate (%)*
Control		1
CB_x	0.004 unit/ml	8
	0.04 unit/ml	11
	0.4 unit/ml	18
Dexamethasone	20.0 ng/ml	25

CB_x exhibited the effect on inducing differentiation.

Experiment 8

Pyrogen test

According to the method described in the Japanese Pharmacopeia, CB_x obtained in Example 3 was administered intravenously to white rabbits at a dose of 100 units per animal. The results of measurement of the rectal temperature up to 3 hours later using a thermocouple type thermometer are set forth in Table 9.

Table 9

Rabbit	*Weight (kg)*	*Rectal temperature pre- and post-CB_x Injection (°C)*			
		Before injection	*1 hour later*	*2 hours later*	*3 hours later*
A	2.0	38.90	38.70	38.80	38.80
B	2.0	38.90	38.90	38.97	38.97
C	2.0	39.25	39.25	39.22	39.30

Experiment 9

Influence on breast cancer bearing mice

BALB/C strain nude mice weighing 20—25 g 6 animals in each group were transplanted subcutaneously in their back with 2 mm square segments of human breast cancer MX-1. CB_{x3} obtained in Example 26 or 29 was administered intravenously into the mice for 14 days from the 14th day after the transplantation. On the 15th day after the first administration, the volume of the primary tumor was measured. The results are set forth in Table 10.

Tabl 10

Test substance	*Daily dose*	*Tumor volume*1) (cm³)*
Control		9.7±2.2
CB_{x3}*2)	1 unit/kg	7.6±1.3
	3 unit/kg	4.3±1.3*
	10 unit/kg	2.2±0.9**
CB_{x3}*3)	1 unit/kg	7.3±1.2
	3 unit/kg	4.6±1.4*
	10 unit/kg	2.0±1.0**
Mitomycin C	0.5 mg/kg	4.4±1.1*

Notes)

*1) (Average Value)±(Standard Error)
*2) CB_{x3} obtained in Example 26
*3) CB_{x3} obtained in Example 29
* Statistically different from the control group at a significance level of 5% or less.
** Statistically different from the control group at a significance level of 1% or less.

Experiment 10

Influence on methylcholanthrene-induced tumor

3-Methylcholanthrene dissolved in olive oil was subcutaneously injected to the lateral abdomen of ddY-strain mice weighing 20—25 g, 8 animals in each group, at 0.5 mg per mouse. CB_{x3} obtained in Example 26 or 29 was administered intraveously to the mice once a day for 21 days from about 60 days after the 3-Methylcholanthrene injection. On the 21st day after the first CB_{x3} administration, the volume of the tumor was measured. The results are set forth in Table 11.

Table 11

Test substance	*Daily dose*	*Tumor volume*1) (cm³)*
Control		10.5±2.3
CB_{x3}*2)	1 unit/kg	8.5±1.4
	3 unit/kg	5.4±1.4*
	10 unit/kg	2.5±0.7**
CB_{x3}*3)	1 unit/kg	8.9±1.5
	3 unit/kg	5.1±1.3*
	10 unit/kg	2.2±0.8**
Mitomycin C	0.5 mg/kg	6.6±1.3*

Notes)

*1) (Average Value)±(Standard Error)
*2) CB_{x3} obtained inExample 26
*3) CB_{x3} obtained in Example 29.
* Statistically different from the control group at a significance level of 5% or less.
** Statistically different from the control group at a significance level of 1% or less.

As clear from the above results, CB_{x3} evidently showed an anti-tumor effect on the spontaneous tumor.

Experiment 11

Toxicity test (single adminstration)

BDF_1-strain male mice weighing 20—25 g, 10 animals in each group, were administered intravenously with the CB and the number of the dead animals was observed for 7 days. As a result, all the 10 animals survived without showing any change in the body weight and general conditions, even when administered with 10,000 unit/kg of CB_x, CB_{x1}, or CB_{x2} or 100,000 unit/kg of CB_{x3}.

Experiment 12

Toxicity test (30-day continuous administration)

BDF_1-strain male mice weighing 20—25 g, 10 animals in each group, were intraveously administered with the CB for 30 days, and the number of the dead animals, the change in the body

weight and the general conditions were observed. The body weight was weighed between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., and the observation of the general conditions was conducted on the 10th, 20th and 30th days according to the method of Arvien (Science, Vol. 36, 123 (1962)). As a result, there was no dead animal in these 30 days when 1,000 unit/kg/day of CB_x, CB_{x1} or CB_{x2}, or 10,000 unit/kg/day of CB_{x3} was administered, and the weight gain curve was more or less the same as that of the control group. Further, the general conditions were found to be normal as in the control group.

As can be seen in the experiments described above, CB selectively suppresses the growth of tumor cells, and moreover, they not only remarkably suppress the cancer metastasis but also are extremely effective against various tumors and still very safe even at the dose higher than the dose at which the pharmaceutical effect would manifest. Therefore, CB is extremely useful for therapy of various tumors such as stomach cancer, lung cancer, hepatoma, colon cancer, breast cancer, uterus cancer, leukemia etc.

CB may be administered in the form of conventional preparations, such as injections, eye drops, nasal drops, inhalants, topical preparations, oral preparations, rectal preparations, and vaginal preparations. The daily therapeutic dose of CB for an adult is not particularly restricted because of their high safety, but generally it is 0.5—500,000 units, preferably 0.5—5,000 units for topical application, 20,—100,000 units for systematic administration, such as intravenous injection, intramuscular injection etc., and 50—500,000 units for oral administration, and the dose may be suitably adjusted depending on the method of use or the severity of the diseases. The preparation may contain each of CB_x, CB_{x1}, CB_{x2} and CB_{x3} alone or in combination with each other in any desired ratio.

CB may be formulated into pharmaceutical preparations by any conventional method using pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, bases and excipients. Preferably, they are employed as oral preparations such as enteric preparations, e.g. capsules, tablets and powder, rectal preparations such as rectal suppositories, injections such as aqueous injections, reconstitutable preparations of lyophilized powder for dissolution in distilled water for injection before use, and topical preparations such as ointments and lotions. In addition, they may be adopted as eye drops, nasal drops, or inhalants.

Example of solid carriers and excipients usable advantageously herein include common excipients such as lactose, mannitol, corn starch and potato starch, binders such as crystalline cellulose, cellulose derivatives, arabic gum, corn starch and gelatin; distegrators such as corn starch, potato starch and calcium carbohydroxymethylcellulose; and lubricants such as talc and magnesium stearate. Examples of liquid carriers usable advantageously herein include distilled water for injection, physiological saline solution, vegetable oils for injection and glycols such as propylene glycol and polyethyleneglycol.

Following is a description by way of example only and with reference to the accompanying drawings of methods of carrying the invention into effect.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 shows the IR spectrum of CB_x measured in Example 10.

Figure 2 shows the IR spectrum of CB_{x1} measured in Example 15.

Figure 3 shows the IR spectrum of CB_{x2} measured in Example 21.

Figure 4 shows the IR spectrum of CB_{x3} measured in Example 29.

Example 1

Human lymphocytes (2×10^{10} cells) were suspended in 4,000 ml of Eagle's medium containing 10% calf serum and cultured at 37°C for 48 hours in a 5% CO_2, 95% air atmosphere. Thereafter, the supernatant of the culture medium was dialyzed against 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2), and a fraction salted out with 40—80% ammonium sulfate was obtained from the dialyzate. This fraction was redialyzed against said phosphate buffer and then subjected to gel filtration using Sephadex G-1000 (Pharmacia Co.). A fraction of a molecular weight of 12,000—17,000 was collected, which was designated as the crude CB_x fraction, while the earlier eluted fraction was designated as the crude CBF fraction. The crude CB_x fraction was adsorbed on Ulex europeus agglutinin (Maruzen Oil Co.)-conjugated Sephadex, eluted with 0.01 M phosphate buffer containing 0.5 fucose. After removing fucose by dialysis, CB_x was adsorbed again on the Ulex europeus agglutinin-conjugated Sephadex, followed by elution by gradient method using phosphate buffer (pH 7.2), thereby purified CB_x was eluted. A total of 0.02 mg of CB_x was obtained. The total activity of the obtained CB_x was 150 units as determined by the above described procedure. Thus the specific activity of the purified CB_x was 7,500 unit/mg.

Example 2

Bovine lymphocytes (2×10^9 cells) were suspended in 1,000 ml of Eagle's medium containing 10% calf serum and cultured at 37°C for 48 hours in a 5% CO_2, 95% air atmosphere. Thereafter, the supernatant of the culture medium was subjected to the procedures in Example 1 for purification of CB_x and 0.01 mg of CB_x was obtained. The total activity of the obtained CB_x was 20 units, thus the specific activity of the purified CB_x was 2,000 unit/mg.

Exampl 3

Mouse lymphocytes (5×10^{10} cells) were suspended in 5,000 ml of Eagle's medium containing

10% calf serum, and cultured at 37°C for 48 hours in a 5% CO_2, 95% air atmosphere. Thereafter, the supernatant of culture medium was subjected to the procedures in Example 1 for purification of CB_x, and 0.12 mg of CB_x was obtained. The total activity of the obtained CB_x was 400 units, thus the specific activity of the purified CB_x was 3,333 unit/mg.

Example 4

BALL-1 cells (human cell line, 1×10^{10} cells), which had been precultured, were suspended in 2,000 ml of Eagle's medium containing 10% calc serum, and cultured at 37°C for 48 hours in a 5% CO_2, 95% air atmosphere. Thereafter, the supernatant of the culture medium was subjected to the procedures in Example 1 for purification of CB_x, and 0.7 mg of CB_x was obtained. The total activity of the obtained CB_x was 4,000 units, thus the specific activity of the purified CB_x was 5,714 unit/mg.

Example 5

Flow 7000 cells (human fibroblasts line, 3×10^9 cells), which had been grown by cell culture, were suspended in 600 ml of Eagle's medium containing 10% calf serum, and cultured at 37°C for 48 hours in a 5% CO_2, 95% air atmosphere. Thereafter, the supernatant of the culture medium was subjected to the procedures in Example 1 for purification of CB_x, and 0.005 mg of CB_x was obtained. The total activity of the obtained CB_x was 10 units, thus the specific activity of the purified CB_x was 2,000 unit/mg.

Example 6

Human lymphocytes (2×10^{10} cells) were suspended in 4,000 ml of Eagle's medium containing 10% calf serum, and after adding phytohemagglutinin (Difco Co.) at a final concentration of 50 μg/ml, cultured at 37°C for 48 hours in a 5% CO_2, 95% air atmosphere. Thereafter, the supernatant of the culture medium was subjected to the procedures in Example 1 for purification of CB_x, and 1.0 mg of CB_x was obtained. The total activity of the obtained CB_x was 10,000 units, thus the specific activity of the purified CB_x was 10,000 unit/mg.

Example 7

Flow 7000 cells (human fibroblasts line, 3×10^9 cells) were suspended in 600 ml of Eagle's medium containing 10% calf serum, and after adding phytohemagglutinin at a final concentration of 50 μg/ml, cultured at 37°C for 48 hours in a 5% CO_2, 95% air atmosphere. Thereafter, the supernatant of the culture medium was subjected to the procedures in Example 1 for purification of CB_x, and 60 μg of CB_x was obtained. The total activity of the obtained CB_x was 480 units, thus the specific activity of the purified CB_x was 8,000 unit/mg.

Example 8

TALL-1 cells (human cell line, 9×10^9) which had been grown by cell culture, were suspended in 800 ml of Eagle's medium containing 10% calf serum, and after adding phytohemagglutinin at a final concentration of 50 μg/ml, cultured, at 37°C for 48 hours in a 5% CO_2, 95% air atmosphere. Thereafter, the superntant of the culture medium was subjected to the procedures in Example 1 for purification of CB_x, and 0.8 mg of CB_x was obtained. The total activity of the obtained CB_x was 7,500 units, thus the specific activity of the purified CB_x was 9,375 unit/mg.

Example 9

Adult mice were pre-treated by irradiating with X-ray of about 400 REM to suppress their immune response, and then transplanted subcutaneously with TALL-1 cells (human origin). Thereafter, mice were fed for 3 weeks. The mass of tumor that subcutaneously formed weighing about 10 g were isolated, minced and dissociated in a physiological saline solution containing trypsin, then the dispersed cells were collected. These cells were treated according to the method in Example 1 to obtain CB_x. The yield of CB_x was about 190 units per mouse.

Example 10

BALL-1 cells (human cell line, 9×10^9 cells) were suspended in 1,800 ml of Eagle's medium containing 10% calf serum, and after adding 9×10^6 pfu (plaque forming units) of Sendai virus (HVJ), cultured at 37°C for 48 hours in a 5% CO_2, 95% air atmosphere. Thereafter, the supernatant of the culture medium was subjected to the procedures in Example 1 for purification of CB_x, and 720 μg of CB_x was obtained. The total activity of the obtained CB_x was 7,920 units, thus the specific activity of the purified CB_x was 11,000 unit/mg.

CB_x obtained above was dissolved in physiological saline at a concentration of 1 mg/ml, and optical rotation of the solution at 598 nm (Na. D line) was measured at 26.5—28.5°C by a polarimeter (Nihon Bunko DIP-181) using a microcell of 10 mm in light path. The optical rotation of physiological saline as a control was assured to be zero. CB_x showed levo-rotation.

CB_x (10 μg) obtained above was prepared into a microtablet with potassium bromide powder to measure IR spectrum of CB_x. The integrated measurement (60 times) was carried out by Fourier

transform infrared spectrophotometer fX-6201 (Analect Instruments Co.). The result is shown in Figure 1.

Example 11

Adult nude mice were transplanted subcutaneously with BALL-1 cells (human origin), and then fed for 3 weeks. The resultant mass of tumor that formed subcutaneously weighing about 10 g each was isolated, minced, and then dissociated in a physiological saline solution containing trypsin then the dispersed cells were collected. These cells were washed with Eagle's medium containing 5% human serum, then 2×10^9 cells thereof were suspended in 2,000 ml of same medium and cultured at 37°C for 48 hours in a 5% CO_2, 95% air atmosphere. Thereafter, the supernatant of the culture medium was subjected to the procedures in Example 1 to obtain CB_X. The yield of CB_X was about 200 units per nude mouse.

Example 12

JBL cells (human cell line) was suspended in physiological saline, and the suspension was then placed in a plastic cylindrical diffusion chamber having a capacity of about 10 ml and fitted with a membrane filter having a pore size of about 0.5 microns, and this chamber was placed in peritoneal cavity of an adult rat. The rat was fed for 4 weeks, and the chamber was removed therefrom.

The cell concentration of the human cells thus obtained was found to be about 5×10^9 cells per ml, which represents about 10^3 fold or more than those obtained by culturation in vitro in a nutrient medium in a 5% CO_2, 95% air atmosphere.

A total of 1×10^{10} JBL cells obtained by the method described above were suspended in 4,000 ml of Eagle's medium containing 10% calf serum, and cultured at 37°C for 48 hours in a 5% CO_2, 95% air atmosphere. Thereafter, the supernatant of the culture medium was subjected to the procedures in Example 1 to obtain CB_X. The yield of CB_X was about 350 units per rat.

Example 13

Adult nude mice were transplanted subcutaneously with BALL-1 cells (human origin), and then fed for 5 weeks. Thereafter, each mouse was intraperitoneally injected with 1 mg of phytohemagglutinin, and sacrificed 24 hours later the injection, and ascites was collected. The ascite was centrifuged at 4°C and 1,000 g, and the obtained supernatant was dialyzed against a physiological saline solution containing 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2) for 15 hours. The solution was further ultrafiltrated with a membrane filter and the filtrate was concentrated to obtain a solution containing CB_X. The amount of CB_X was about 8,000 units per nude mouse.

Example 14

NALL-1 cells (human cell line) were suspended in physiological saline and poured in a plastic cylindrical diffusion chamber having a capacity of about 10 ml and fitted with a membrane filter with a pore size of about 0.5 microns, and this chamber was placed in peritoneal cavity of an adult rat. This rat was fed for 4 weeks, and then the chamber was removed. The cells thus grown were washed with Eagle's medium containing 5% human serum, and resuspended in the same medium at a cell concentration of about 5×10^6 cells per ml. The suspension was added with about 200 μg/ml of phytohemagglutinin, and the mixture was incubated at 37°C for 2 days to induce the production of CB_X. CB_X thus produced was purified and concentrated as described in Example 1 and it was further lyophilized to obtain a powder of CB_X. The yield of CB_X was about 15,000 units per rat.

Example 15

According to the procedures described in Example 6, a human lymphocytes were cultured, and the supernatant of the culture medium was subjected to purification to obtain a purified fraction with a molecular weight of 70,000—90,000. This fraction was designated as the CB_{X1}. The total activity of the 0.1 mg of purified CB_{X1} was 5,000 units, thus the specific activity of the purified CB_{X1} was 50,000 unit/mg. Optical rotation of CB_{X1} obtained above was measured as described in Example 10. CB_{X1} showed dextrorotation.

IR measurement of CB_{X1} obtained above was carried out as described in Example 10. The result is shown in Figure 2.

Example 16

According to the procedures described in Example 10, BALL-1 cells were cultured, and the supernatant of the culture medium was subjected to purification to obtain a purified CB_{X1}. The total activity of the 100 μg of purified CB_{X1} obtained was 4,200 units, thus the specific activity of the purified CB_{X1} was 42,000 unit/mg.

Example 17

According to the procedures described in Example 7, Flow 7000 cells was cultured, and the supernatant of the culture medium was subjected to purification to obtain purified 10 μg of CB_{X1}. The total activity of was 250 units, thus the specific activity of the purified CB_{X1} was 25,000 unit/mg.

Example 18

According to the procedures described in Example 2, bovine lymphocytes were cultured, and the supernatant of the culture medium was subjected to purification to obtain 0.002 mg of purified CB_{X1}. The total activity of the obtained CB_{X1} was 14 units, thus the specific activity of the purified CB_{X1} was 7,000 unit/mg.

Example 19

According to the procedures described in Example 4, BALL-1 cells was cultured and the supernatant of the culture medium was subjected to purification to obtain 0.2 mg of purified CB_{X1}. The total activity of the obtained CB_{X1} was 2,300 units, thus the specific activity of the purified CB_{X1} was 11,500 unit/mg.

Example 20

According to the procedures described in Example 6, a human lymphocytes were cultured, and the supernatant of the culture medium was subjected to purification to obtain a purified fraction with a molecular weight of 40,000—50,000. This fraction was designated as the CB_{X2}. The total activity of the 0.25 mg of purified CB_{X2} obtained was 5,200 units, thus the specific activity of the purified CB_{X2} was 20,800 unit/mg.

Example 21

According to the procedures described in Example 10, BALL-1 cells were cultured, and the supernatant of the culture medium was subject to purification to obtain 75 μg of the purified CB_{X2}. The total activity of the obtained CB_{X2} was 10,000 units, thus the specific activity of the purified CB_{X2} was 133,333 unit/mg.

Optical rotation of CB_{X2} obtained above was measured as described in Example 10. CB_{X2} showed dextro-rotation.

IR measurement of CB_{X2} obtained above was carried out as described in Example 10. The result is shown in Figure 3.

Example 22

According to the procedures described in Example 7, Flow 7000 cells were cultured and the supernatant of the culture medium was subject to purification to obtain 20 μg of purified CB_{X2}. The total activity of the obtained CB_{X2} was 500 units, thus the specific activity of the purified CB_{X2} was 25,000 unit/mg.

Example 23

According to the procedures described in Example 2, bovine lymphocytes were cultured, and supernatant of the culture medium was subject to purification to obtain 0.001 mg of purified CB_{X2}. The total activity of the obtained CB_{X2} was 40 units, thus the specific activity of the purified CB_{X2} was 40,000 unit/mg.

Example 24

According to the procedures described in Example 4, BALL-1 cells were subject to purification, and supernatant of the culture medium was conducted to obtain 0.25 mg of purified CB_{X2}. The total activity of the obtained CB_{X2} was 2,900 units, thus the specific activity of the purified CB_{X2} was 11,600 unit/mg.

Example 25

Human lymphocytes (2×10^{10} cells) were suspended in 4000 ml of Eagle's medium containing 10% calf serum, and after adding phytohemagglutinin at a concentration of 50 μg/ml the suspension was cultured at 37°C for 48 hours in a 5% CO_2, 95% air atmosphere. Thereafter, the supernatant of the culture medium was dialyzed against 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2), and a fraction which was salted out with 40—80% ammonium sulfate was obtained from the dialyzate. This fraction was dialyzed again against said phosphate buffer and then subjected to gel filtration using Sephadex G-100 to obtain a fraction having a molecular weight of 7,000—9,000, which was designated as the crude CB_{X3} fraction.

The crude CB_{X3} fraction was adsorbed on phytohemagglutinin-conjugated Sephalose, eluted with 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2) containing 0.5 M N-acetyl-D-galactosamine. After removing N-acetyl-D-galactosamine by dialysis, the resultant solution was applied to carboxymethylcellulose equilibrated with 0.05 M phosphated buffer (pH 6.4), followed by elution with 0.05 M phosphate buffer (pH 6.4) containing 0.5 M sodium chloride. Thus, 0.1 mg of CB_{X3} was obtained. The total activity of the obtained CB_{X3} was 5,000 units.

Example 26

New born hamsters were pre-treated by injection antiserum prepared from rabbit in conventional method so as to reduce their immune responses as much as possible, and were then transplanted

subcutaneously with BALL-1 cells then fed for 3 weeks. The mass of tumors that formed subcutaneously and weighing about 15 g were isolated, minced and dissociated in physiological saline. After washing the obtained cells with serum-free Eagle's medium, 1×10^{11} cells thereof were suspended in 150 l of Eagle's medium containing 10% calf serum, and after adding 9×10^{6} pfu of Sendai virus (HVJ), cultured at 37°C for 48 hours in a 5% CO_2, 95% air atmosphere. The supernatant of the culture medium was dialyzed against 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2) and a fraction which was salted out with 40—80% ammonium sulfate was obtained from the dialyzate. This fraction was dialyzed again against said phosphate buffer and then subjected to gel filtration using Sephadex G-100 to obtain a fraction having a molecular weight of 7,000—9,000, which was designated as the crude CB_{x3} fraction. This crude CB_{x3} fraction was adsorbed on concanavalin A-conjugated Sephalose, eluted with 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2) containing 0.5 M α-methyl-D-mannoside. After removing the α-methyl-D-mannoside by dialysis, the solution was applied to carboxymethylcellulose equilibrated with 0.05 M phosphated buffer (pH 6.0), followed by elution with 0.05 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.8). The total activity of the 0.2 mg of CB_{x3} obtained was 12,000 units, and its isoelectric point was 6.3—7.8.

Example 27

Flow 7000 cells (3×10^{10} cells) were suspended in 1.0 l of Eagle's medium containing 10% calf serum, and after adding phytohemagglutinin at a final concentration of 50 μg/ml, cultured at 37°C for 48 hours in a 5% CO_2, 95% air atmosphere. The supernatant of the culture medium was subjected to the procedures in Example 26 for purification of CB_{x3}, and 0.1 mg of CB_{x3} was obtained. The total activity of the obtained CB_{x3} was 3,100 units.

Example 28

Bovine lymphocytes (5×10^{10} cells) was suspended in 10 l of Eagle's medium containing 10% calf serum, and cultured at 37°C for 48 hours in a 5% CO_2, 95% air atmosphere. Thereafter, the supernatant of culture medium was subjected to the procedures in Example 26 for purification of CB_{x3}, and 0.1 mg of purified CB_{x3} was obtained. The total activity of the obtained CB_{x3} was 1,700 units.

Example 29

BALL-1 cells (5×10^{11} cells), which had been grown by cellculture, were suspended in 100 l of Eagle's medium containing 10% calf serum, and cultured at 37°C for 48 hours in a 5% CO_2, 95% air atmosphere. Thereafter, the supernatant of culture medium was dialyzed against 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2), and a fraction which was salted out with 40—80% ammonium sulfate was obtained. This fraction was dialyzed again against said phosphate buffer and then subjected to gel filtration using Sephadex G-100 to obtain a fraction with a molecular weight of 7,000—9,000. This fraction was adsorbed on phytohemagglutinin-conjugated Sephalose, eluted with 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2) containing 0.5 M N-acetyl-D-galactosamine. After removing the N-acetyl-D-galactosamine by dialysis, the dialyzed solution was applied to carboxymethylcellulose equilibrated with 0.05 M This buffer (pH 8.0), followed by elution with 0.05 M Tris buffer (pH 8.0) containing 0.5 M sodium chloride, thereby 0.1 mg of purified CB_{x3} was obtained. The total activity of CB_{x3} obtained was 8,200 units and its isoelectric point was 8.0—9.2.

Optical rotation of CB_{x3} obtained above was measured as described in Example 10. CB_{x3} did not show optical rotation.

IR measurement of CB_{x3} obtained above was carried out as described in Example 10. The result is shown in Figure 4.

Example 30

(Aqueous injections)

CB_x	100,000 units
Sodium chloride	9 g
Distilled water for injection to make	1,000 ml

The CB_x and sodium chloride were weighed and mixed, then dissolved in 500 ml of distilled water for injection, and the total volume was adjusted to 1,000 ml with distilled water for injection. This aqueous solution was filtered under sterile conditions using a membrane filter, and 2 ml each of the filtrate was placed into sterilized glass containers and sealed to prepare aqueous injections.

Example 31—33

Procedures similar to those in Example 30 were carried out for CB_{x1}, CB_{x2} and CB_{x3} to prepare aqueous injection respectively.

Exampl 34

(Lyophilized injections)

CB_x	100,000 units
20% Human serum albumin	10 ml
Sodium chloride	9 g
Distilled water for injection to make	1,000 ml

The CB_x and sodium chloride were weighed and mixed, then dissolved in a solution obtained by adding the predetermined amount of the human albumin to 500 ml of distilled water for injection, and the total volume was adjusted to 1,000 ml with distilled water for injection. This solution was filtered under sterile condition with a membrane filter, and 2 ml each of the filtrate was placed into sterilized glass containers, lyophilized, and sealed to prepare lyophilized powder for injection.

Example 35—37

Procedures similar to those in Example 34 were carried out for CB_{x1}, CB_{x2} and CB_{x3} to prepare lyophylized powder for injection respectively.

Example 38

(Eye drop)

CB_x	100,000 units
Sodium chloride	5 g
Chlorobutanol	5 g
Distilled water	1,000 ml

The above ingredients were weighed and dissolved in 950 ml of distilled water. The total volume was adjusted to 1,000 ml, and the solution was filtered under sterile condition using a membrane filter to make eye drop preparation.

Example 39—41

Procedures similar to those in Example 38 were carried out for CB_{x1}, CB_{x2} and CB_{x3} to make eye drop preparations respectively.

Example 42

(Suppositories)

CB_x	100,000 units
Polyethyleneglycol 1500	250 g
Polyethyleneglycol 4000	ca. 750 g
	1,000 g

The above ingredients were weighed and the whole amounts of the CB_x and polyethylene glycol 1500 and 500 g of the polyethylene glycol 4000 were mixed thoroughly, after which the remaining polyethylene glycol 4000 was added to give the total weight 1,000 g, further mixed thoroughly and made into 5,000 mg rectal suppositories by the melting method.

Example 43—45

Procedures similar to those in Example 42 were carried out for CB_{x1}, CB_{x2} and CB_{x3} to prepare rectal suppositories respectively.

Example 14

(Nasal drop)

CB_x	100,000 units
Sodium chloride	5 g
Chlorobutanol	5 g
Distilled water to make	1,000 ml

The above ingredients were weighed and dissolved in 950 ml of distilled water. The résultant solution was adjusted to the total volume of 1,000 ml with distilled water to prepare a solution for nasal drop.

Example 47—49

Procedures similar to those in Example 46 were carried out for CB_{x1}, CB_{x2} and CB_{x3} to prepare a solution for nasal drop respectively.

Example 50

(Enteric coated tablets)

CB_x	1,000,000 units
Lactose	64 g
Potato starch	ca. 30 g
Polyvinyl alcohol	3 g
Magnesium stearate	3 g
	100 g

The above ingredients were weighed respectively, the whole amounts of the CB_x and lactose and about half amount of the potato starch were mixed, then the remaining potato starch was added to the mixture so as to give the total weight of 94 g, and the mixture was mixed to achieve homogenity. To resultant mixture was added an aqueous polyvinyl alcohol solution, and granules were prepared by the wet pelletizing method. The granules were dried, mixed with the magnesium stearate, and compressed into 200 mg tablets. The tablets were coated with methyl cellulose phthalate to prepare enteric coated tablets.

Example 51—53

Procedures similar to those in Example 50 were carried out for CB_{x1}, CB_{x2} and CB_{x3} to prepare enteric coated tablets respectively.

Example 54

(Ointment)

CB_x	100,000 units
Liquid paraffin	10 g
Vaseline	ca. 1,000 g
	1,000 g

The above ingredients were weighed respectively, then the CB_x was thoroughly kneaded with the liquid paraffin, 500 g of the Vaseline was added thereto, and mixed thoroughly. To the mixture was gradually added the remaining Vaseline to give the total weight of 1,000 g, and the mixture was thoroughly mixed to prepare an ointment.

Example 55—57

Procedures similar to those in Example 54 were carried out for CB_{x1}, CB_{x2} and CB_{x3} to prepare ointment respectively.

Claims

1. A substantially purified form of a glycoprotein (CB) produced by cells of warm-blooded animals, having an anti-tumor effect and having the following properties:

a) molecular weight: in the range from 7,000 to 90,000 by Sephadex gel filtration or SDS gel electrophoresis;

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in the Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 8—45%, 6—28% of the total sugar being hexoses, 1—11% being hexosamines and 1—6% being sialic acids;

e) stability: stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer; and

f) cytotoxicity: it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells.

2. A substantially purified form of a glycoprotein (CB_x) according to Claim 1, having an anti-tumor effect and having the following properties:

a) molecular weight: 12,000—17,000;

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in the Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 27—33%, 17—20% of the total sugar being hexoses, 5—7% being hexosamines and 5—6% being sialic acids;

e) isoelectric point: 4.2—7.3;

f) adsorbability: adsorbable on Ulex europeus agglutinin-conjugated Sephadex (R.T.M.) in 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2);

g) stability: stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer;

h) cytotoxicity: it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells; and

i) differentiation: induces differentiation of tumor cells.

3. A substantially purified form of a glycoprotein (CB_{x_1}) according to Claim 1, having an anti-tumor effect and having the following properties:

a) molecular weight: 70,000—90,000;

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in the Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 35—45%, 23—28% of the total sugar being hexoses, 8—11% being hexosamines and 4—6% being sialic acids;

e) isoelectric point: 4.3—6.2;

f) adsorbability: adsorbable on Ulex europeus agglutinin-conjugated Sephadex in 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2);

g) stability: stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer; and

h) cytotoxicity: it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells.

4. A substantially purified form of a glycoprotein (CB_{x_2}) according to Claim 1, having an anti-tumor effect and having the following properties:

a) molecular weight: 40,000—50,000;

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in the Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 30—37%, 20—23% of the total sugar being hexoses, 6—8% being hexosamines and 4—6% being sialic acids;

e) isoelectric point: 4.2—7.3;

f) adsorbability: adsorbable on Ulex europeus agglutinin-conjugated Sephadex in 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2);

g) stability: stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer; and

h) cytotoxicity: it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells.

5. A substantially purified form of a glycoprotein (CB_{x_3}) according to Claim 1, having an anti-tumor effect and having the following properties:

a) molecular weight: 7,000—9,000

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in the Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 8—15%, 6—10% of the total sugar being hexoses, 1—2% being hexosamines and 1—3% being sialic acids;

e) adsorbability: adsorbable on carboxymethylcellulose in an ion exchange chromatography in 0.05 M phosphate buffer (pH 6.4) using carboxymethylcellulose;

f) stability: stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer;

g) cytotoxicity: it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells; and

h) the amino acid sequence of the N terminal of its protein portion is Alanine-Alanine-.

6. A process for producing a glycoprotein (CB) having an anti-tumor effect comprising growing source cells of warm-blooded animal origin, and extracting from said source cells or a cultured supernatant thereof a substantially purified form of a glycoprotein and having the following properties:

a) a molecular weight: in the range from 7,000 to 90,000 by Sephadex gel filtration or SDS gel electrophoresis;

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in the Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 8—45%, 6—28% of the total sugar being hexoses, 1—11% being hexosamines and 1—6% being sialic acids;

e) stability: stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer; and

f) cytotoxicity: it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells.

7. A process according to Claim 6, wherein said glycoprotein (CB_x) has the following properties:

a) molecular weight: 12,000—17,000;

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in the Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 27—33%, 17—20% of the total sugar being hexoses, 5—7% being hexosamines and 5—6% being sialic acids;

e) isoelectric point: 4.2—7.3;

f) adsorbability: adsorbable on Ulex europeus agglutinin-conjugated Sephadex in 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2);

g) stability: stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer;

h) cytotoxicity: it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells; and

i) differentiation: induces differentiation of tumor cells.

8. A process according to Claim 6, wherein said glycoprotein (CB_{x1}) has the following properties:

a) molecular weight: 70,000—90,000;

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in the Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 35—45%, 23—28% of the total sugar being hexoses, 8—11% being hexosamines and 4—6% being sialic acids;

e) isoelectric point: 4.3—6.2;

f) adsorbability: adsorbable on Ulex europeus agglutinin-conjugated Sephadex in 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2);

g) stability: stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer; and

h) cytotoxicity: it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells.

9. A process according to Claim 6, wherein said glycoprotein (CB_{x2}) has the following properties:

a) molecular weight: 40,000—50,000;

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in the Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 30—37%, 20—23% of the total sugar being hexoses, 6—8% being hexosamines and 4—6% being sialic acids;

e) isoelectric point: 4.2—7.3;

f) adsorbability: adsorbable on Ulex europeus agglutinin-conjugated Sephadex in 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2);

g) stability: stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer; and

h) cytotoxicity: it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells.

10. A process according to Claim 6, wherein said glycoprotein (CB_{x3}) has the following properties:

a) molecular weight: 7,000—9,000

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in the Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhdrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 8—15%, 6—10% of the total sugar being hexoses, 1—2% being hexosamines and 1—3% being sialic acids;

e) adsorbability: adsorbable on carboxymethylcellulose in an ion exchange chromatography in 0.05 M phosphate buffer (pH 6.4) using carboxymethylcellulose;

f) stability: stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer;

g) cytotoxicity: it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells; and

h) the amino acid sequence of the N terminal of its protein portion is Alanine-Alanine-.

11. A process according to Claim 6, wherein the source cells are selected from reticulo-endothelial cells, lymphoblasts, leukemia cells and fibroblasts, which source cells may be non-established cells or cells of established cell lines.

12. A process according to Claim 11, wherein the established cell lines are selected from BALL-1, TALL-1, NALL-1, Namalwa, M-7002, B-7101, Flow 7000, JBL, EBV-Sa, EBV-Wa, EBV-HO, BALM2 and CCRF-SB, all of which are of human origin.

13. A process according to Claim 11, wherein the established cell lines are selected from mouse BALB/C 3T3, mouse leukemia cells L1210, P388, mouse melanoma clone M-3, rat tumor LLC-WRC 256, and hamster melanoma RPMI 1846, all of which are of non-human warm-blooded animal origin.

14. A process according to Claim 11, wherein the non-established cells are selected from human macrophages and human lymphocytes.

15. A process according to Claim 11, wherein the non-established cells are selected from lymphocytes and macrophages of non-human warm-blooded animal origin.

16. A process according to Claim 6, which comprises directly transplanting cells of an established cell line of human or non-human warm-blooded animal origin into the bodies of warm-blooded animals of the same or different species and extracting said glycoprotein from the tumors formed by the transplanted cells either directly or after the tumor has been cultured and further grown in vitro.

17. A process according to Claim 6, which comprises placing diffusion chambers, which have been inoculated with source cells of an established cell line of human or non-human warm-blooded animal origin, in warm-blooded animals so as to receive the supply of a body fluid of said animals, growing said source cells and extracting said glycoprotein from the grown source cells either directly or after they have been cultured and further grown in vitro.

18. A process according to Claim 6, wherein the source cells are exposed to the action of one or more inducers.

19. A process as claimed in Claim 1 and substantially as described in any one of the specific examples hereinbefore set forth.

20. A glycoprotein having an anti-tumour effect, which has been produced by the process as claimed in any one of Claims 6 to 19.

21. A therapeutic agent for tumors which contains as an active ingredient, an anti-tumor effective amount of at least one of glycoproteins CB_x, CB_{x1}, CB_{x2} and CB_{x3} having an anti-tumor effect and having the following properties:

a) molecular weight: in the range from 7,000 to 90,000 by Sephadex gel filtration or SDS gel electrophoresis;

b) colour reactions: it exhibits a colour indicating proteins in the Lowry reaction, exhibits a colour indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a colour indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indolesulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 8—45%, 6—28% of the total sugar being hexoses, 1—11% being hexosamines and 1—6% being sialic acids;

e) stability: stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer; and

f) cytotoxicity: it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells.

22. An agent according to Claim 21, wherein the glycoprotein (CB) has the following properties:

a) molecular weight: 12,000—17,000;

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in the Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric

acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction,

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 27—33%, 17—20% of the total sugar being hexoses, 5—7% being hexosamines and 5—6% being sialic acids;

e) isoelectric point: 4.2—7.3;

f) adsorbability: adsorbable on Ulex europeus agglutinin-conjugated Sephadex in 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2);

g) stability: stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer;

h) cytotoxicity: it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells; and

i) differentiation: induces differentiation of tumor cells.

23. An agent according to Claim 21, wherein the glycoprotein (CB_{x1}) has the following properties:

a) molecular weight: 70,000—90,000;

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in the Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 35—45%, 23—28% of the total sugar being hexoses, 8—11% being hexosamines and 4—6% being sialic acids;

e) isoelectric point: 4.3—6.2;

f) adsorbability: adsorbable on Ulex europeus agglutinin-conjugated Sephadex in 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2);

g) stability: stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer; and

h) cytotoxicity: it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells.

24. An agent according to Claim 21, wherein the glycoprotein (CB_{x2}) has the following properties:

a) molecular weight: 40,000—50,000;

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in the Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 30—37%, 20—23% of the total sugar being hexoses, 6—8% being hexosamines and 4—6% being sialic acids;

e) isoelectric point: 4.2—7.3;

f) adsorbability: adsorbable on Ulex europeus agglutinin-conjugated Sephadex in 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2);

g) stability: stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer; and

h) cytotoxicity: it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells.

25. An agent according to Claim 21, wherein the glycoprotein (CB_{x3}) has the following properties:

a) molecular weight: 7,000—9,000

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in the Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 8—15%, 6—10% of the total sugar being hexoses, 1—2% being hexosamines and 1—3% being sialic acids;

e) adsorbability: adsorbable on carboxymethylcellulose in an ion exchange chromatography in 0.05 M phosphate buffer (pH 6.4) using carboxymethylcellulose;

f) stability: stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer;

g) cytotoxicity: it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells; and

h) the amino acid sequence of the N terminal of its protein portion is Alanine-Alanine-.

26. An agent according to Claim 21, wherein the active ingredient is a mixture of at least two members of the group consisting of CB_x, CB_{x1}, CB_{x2} and CB_{x3} in any desired combination.

27. A therapeutic agent for tumors which contains a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and, as

an active ingredient, an anti-tumor effective amount of at least one of glycoproteins CB_X, CB_{X1}, CB_{X2} and CB_{X3} having an anti-tumor effect and having the following properties:

a) molecular weight: in the range from 7,000 to 90,000 by Sephadex gel filtration or SDS gel electrophoresis:

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in the Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 8—45%, 6—28% of the total sugar being hexoses, 1—11% being hexosamines and 1—6% being sialic acids;

e) stability: stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer; and

f) cytotoxicity: it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells.

28. An agent according to Claim 27, wherein the glycoprotein (CB_X) has the following properties:

a) molecular weight: 12,000—17,000;

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in the Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 27—33%, 17—20% of the total sugar being hexoses, 5—7% being hexosamines and 5—6% being sialic acids;

e) isoelectric point: 4.2—7.3;

f) adsorbability: adsorbable on Ulex europeus agglutinin-conjugated Sephadex in 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2);

g) stability: stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer;

h) cytotoxicity: it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells; and

i) differentiation: induces differentiation of tumor cells.

29. An agent according to Claim 27 wherein the glycoprotein (CB_{X1}) has the following properties:

a) molecular weight: 70,000—90,000;

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in the Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 35—45%, 23—28% of the total sugar being hexoses, 8—11% being hexosamines and 4—6% being sialic acids;

e) isoelectric point: 4.3—6.2;

f) adsorbability: adsorbable on Ulex europeus agglutinin-conjugated Sephadex in 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2);

g) stability: stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer; and

h) cytotoxicity: it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells.

30. An agent according to Claim 27, wherein the glycoprotein (CB_{X2}) has the following properties:

a) molecular weight: 40,000—50,000;

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in the Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 30—37%, 20—23% of the total sugar being hexoses, 6—8% being hexosamines and 4—6% being sialic acids;

e) isoelectric point: 4.2—7.3;

f) adsorbability: adsorbable on Ulex europeus agglutinin-conjugated Sephadex in 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2);

g) stability: stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer; and

h) cytotoxicity: it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells.

31. An agent according to Claim 27, wherein the glycoprotein (CB_{X3}) has the following properties:

a) molecular weight: 7,000—9,000

b) color reactions: it exhibits a color indicating proteins in the Lowry reaction, exhibits a color indicating peptide bonds and amino acids in the ninhydrin reaction after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, and exhibits a color indicating sugars in the phenol-sulfuric acid reaction, the anthrone-sulfuric acid reaction, the indole-sulfuric acid reaction and the tryptophane-sulfuric acid reaction;

c) appearance and solubility: white powder soluble in water, aqueous sodium chloride and phosphate buffer, and sparingly soluble in benzene, hexane and chloroform;

d) sugar content: sugar content is 8—15%, 6—10% of the total sugar being hexoses, 1—2% being hexosamines and 1—3% being sialic acids;

e) adsorbability: adsorbable on carboxymethylcellulose in an ion exchange chromatography in 0.05 M phosphate buffer (pH 6.4) using carboxymethylcellulose;

f) stability: stable in an aqueous solution of pH 2.0, pH 7.0 or pH 11.0 at 4°C for 24 hours or longer and in an aqueous solution of pH 7.0 at 60°C for 3 hours or longer;

g) cytotoxicity: it selectively damages tumor cells without substantially damaging normal cells; and

h) the amino acid sequence of the N terminal of its protein portion is Alanine-Alanine-.

32. An agent according to Claim 27, wherein the active ingredient is a mixture of at least two members of the group consisting of CB_X, CB_{X1}, CB_{X2} and CB_{X3} in any desired combination.

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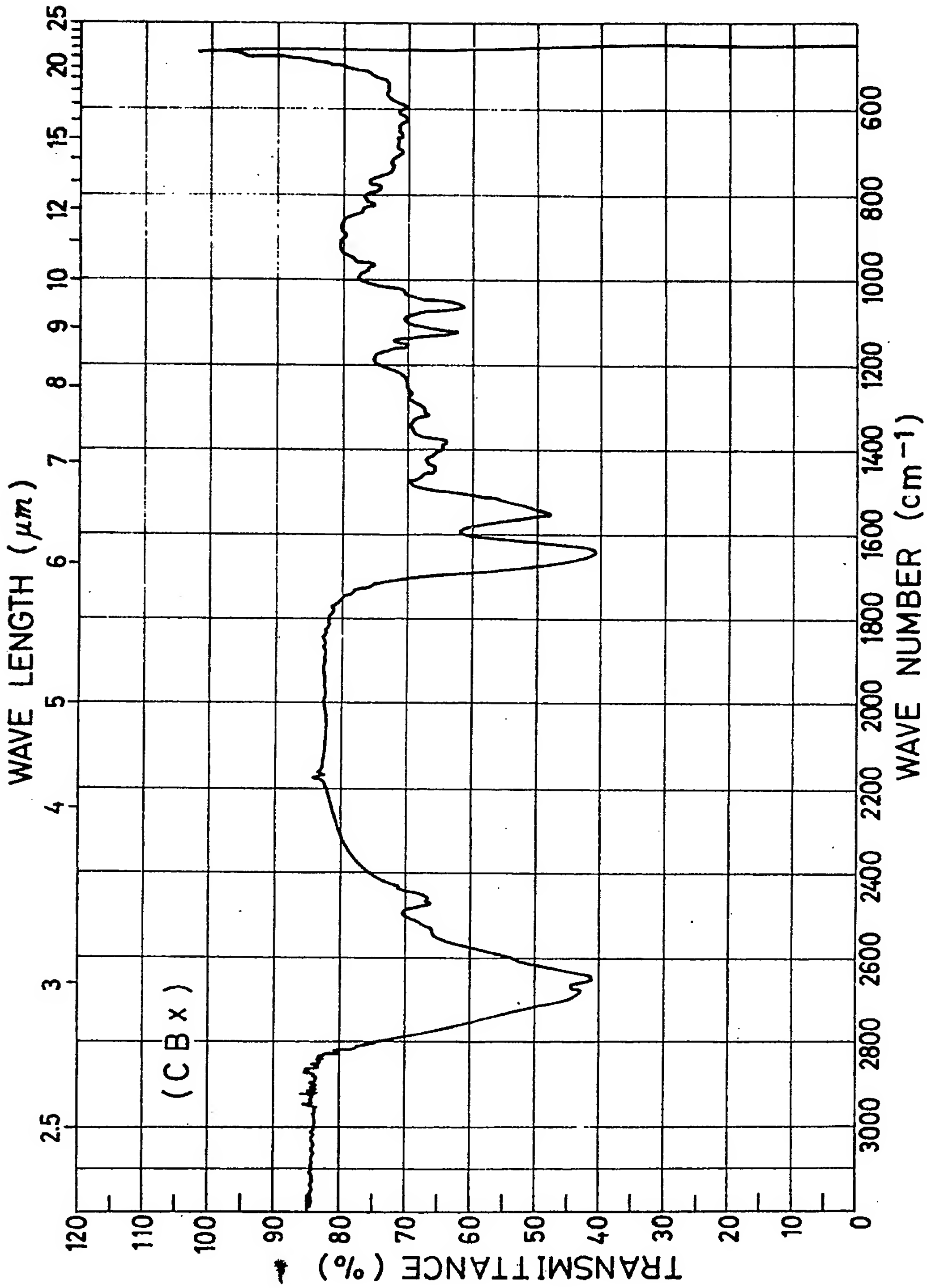
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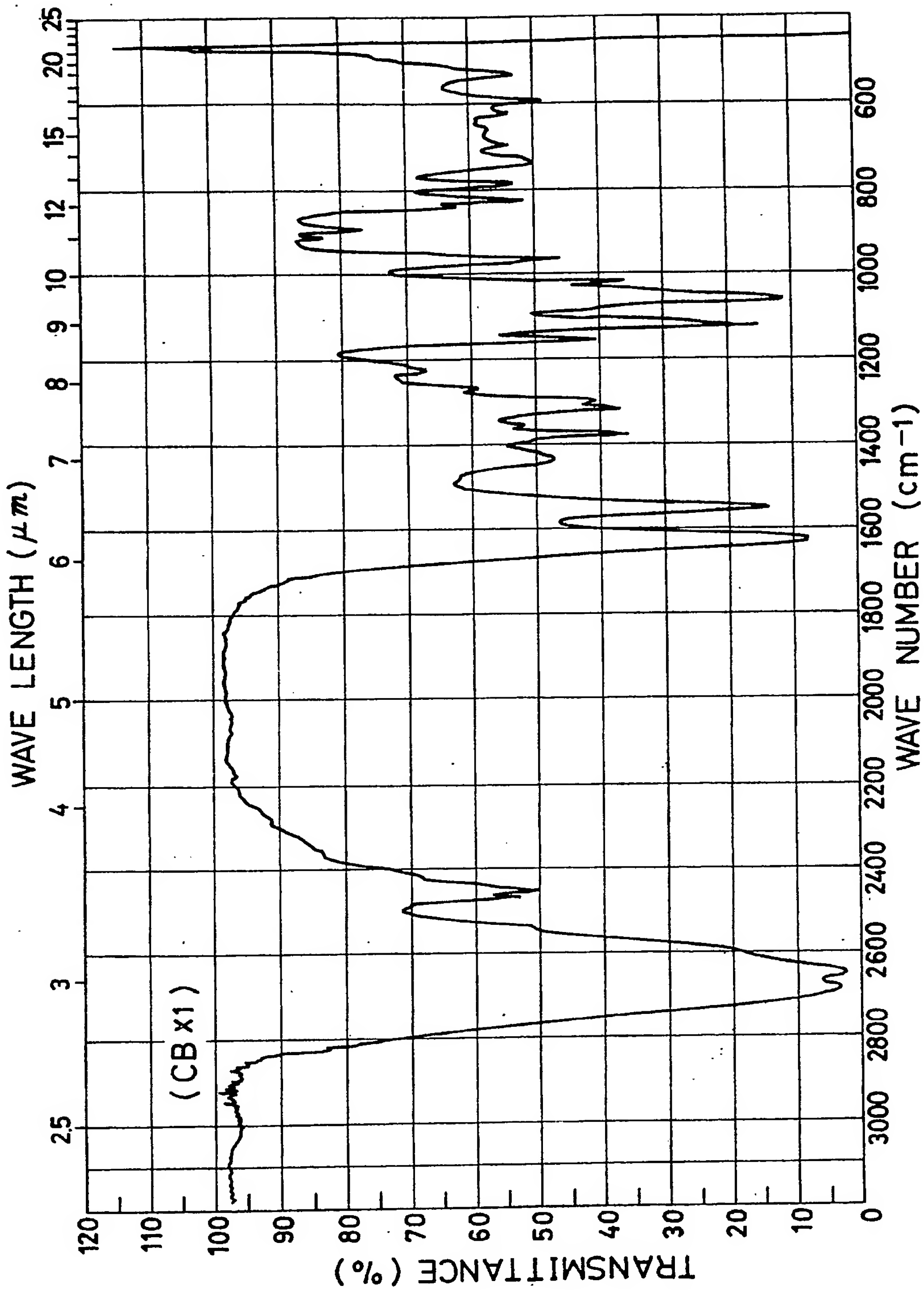
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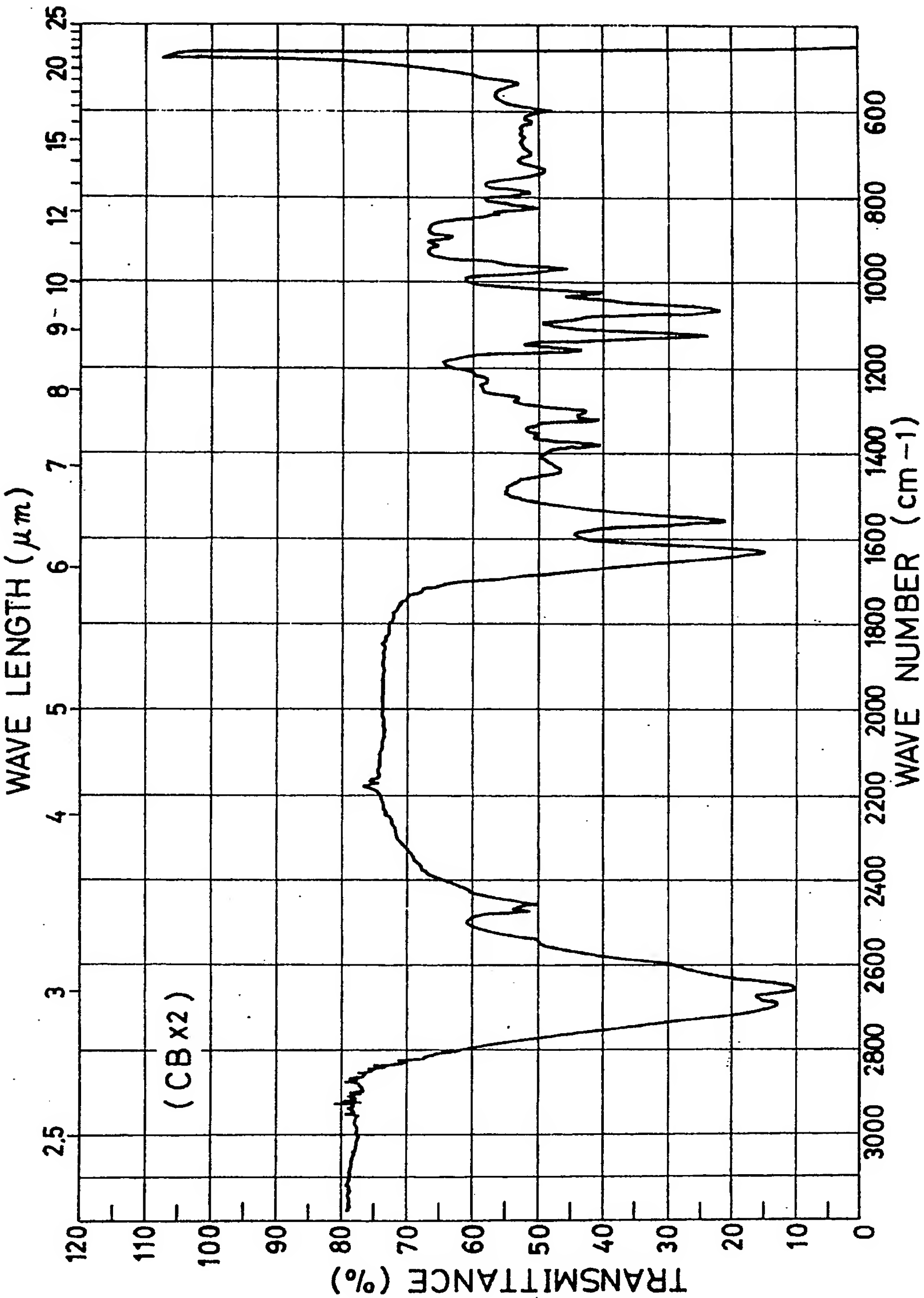
Fig. 2

Fig. 3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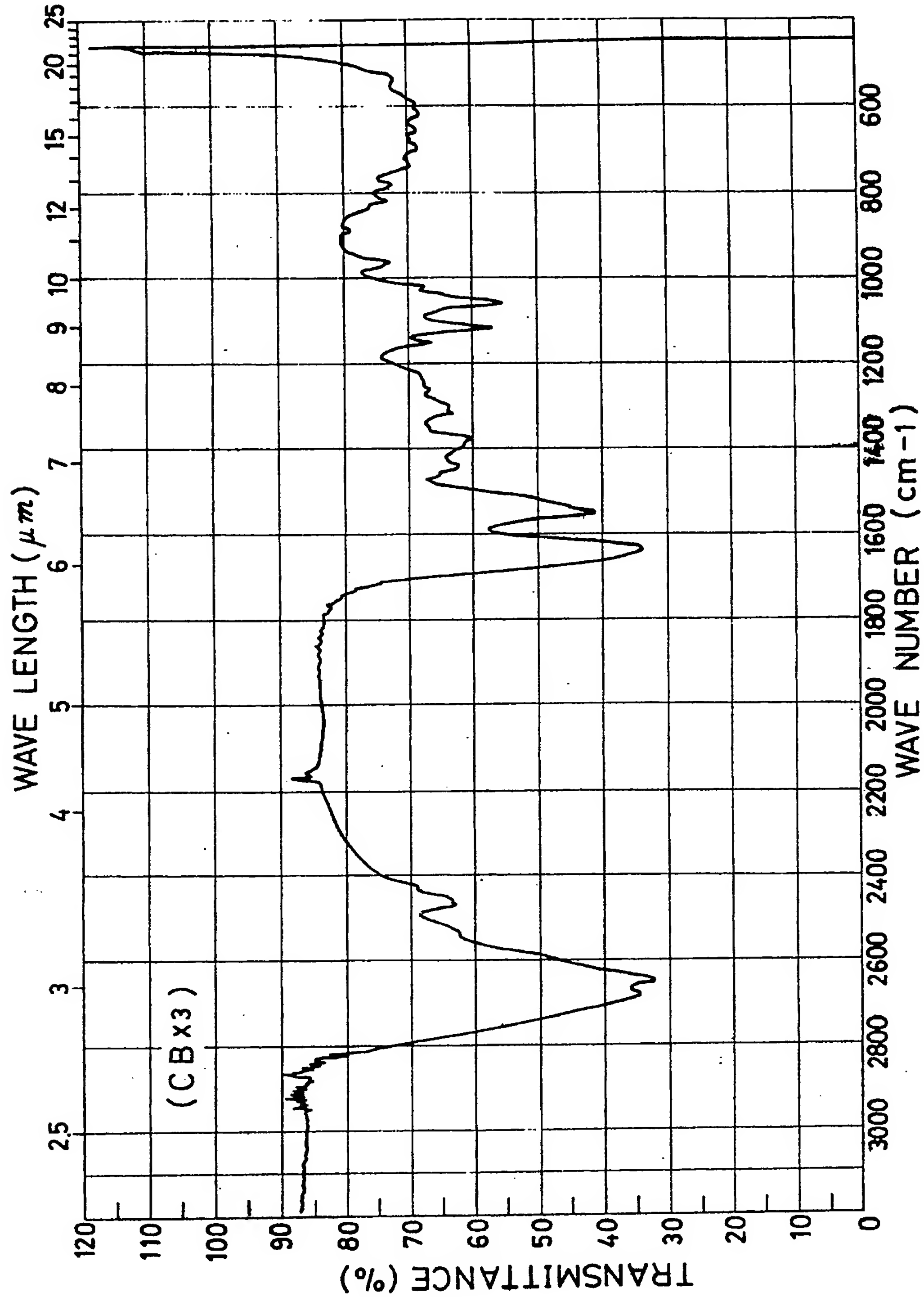
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